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### **U.S. General Services Administration Releases Draft of the Environmental Assessment and Plans Public Hearing for the Harrisburg Courthouse Project**

**Philadelphia** – The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has released a draft of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study, which assesses the social, economic and environmental impacts of developing the three sites under consideration for the new Federal Courthouse in Harrisburg, PA. The study was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA objectively reviews the impacts and benefits of all three sites currently under consideration. The three sites include: Verbeke Street, bounded by N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Herr Street and Capital Street; 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, bounded by Forster, North & Green Streets; and N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Basin Street. The study's findings are not indicative of a preference for any of the three sites nor do they indicate in any way the relative viability of any one site over another. A copy of the EA can be viewed on the GSA website at [www.gsa.gov/r3projects](http://www.gsa.gov/r3projects). The step by step click through for this page is [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov) → *GSA Regions* → *Mid-Atlantic (3)* → *News & Notices* → *Regional Projects*.

In addition, copies of the draft EA are available for public review at:

Dauphin County Library  
Harrisburg Downtown Branch  
101 Walnut Street  
Harrisburg, PA

Dauphin County Library  
Harrisburg Uptown Branch  
7th and Division Streets  
Harrisburg, PA

Agencies and the public may provide written comments regarding the draft EA and/or historic issues under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Written comments must be postmarked no later than May 11, 2006, and sent to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration  
Attention: Abby Low, Project Manager  
20 N. 8th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Email: [HarrisburgCourthouse@gsa.gov](mailto:HarrisburgCourthouse@gsa.gov)

GSA is hosting a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, located at 1205 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA. The purpose of the Public Hearing is for the public to learn more about the study's findings and provide an opportunity for public testimony. Persons attending the Public Hearing will have the opportunity to offer written, private, and/or public testimony. Responses to testimony will not be given at the meeting, but will be addressed in the final EA.



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The draft EA's completion marks a major step forward in the process of selecting a final site for the new Federal Courthouse and will aid GSA in making a careful and informed decision on a final site. The selection of a final site is anticipated this summer.

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